(e) Most of the programmes and the Plan of Action identified in the Rome declaration are already an important part of the plans and policies pursued by various departments of the Government. Further discussions are taking place to evolve a suitable mechanism for implementing the action plans and programmes incorporated in the Rome declaration.

(f) and (g). The data referred to in the news item concerns nutrition data which was illustrative to indicate the improvement in natritional standards during a particular period and was quoted from the National Nutrition Policy which was adopted in 1993.

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Funding to Terrorists in the N.E.R.

2712. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether terrorists in the North-Eastern States particularly in Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram are getting support from the foreign missionaries to purchase arms from abroad; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to check terrorist activities in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Support from foreign missionaries to terrorists in the North-Eastern States, particularly in Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram specifically for purchase of arms from abroad have not come to notice. However some North-East insurgent groups have, in the Past received financial assistance from some international Church organisations. The possibility of financial assistance so received being diverted by the North-East insurgent groups for purchase of arms cannot be ruled out.

(b) Matters regarding financial assistance by some international Church organisations to some North-East insurgent groups have been taken up through diplomatic channels. A close watch on the flow of such assistance continues to be maintained.

Project Elephant and Ganga Action Plan

2713. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Environment and Forests has severely criticised the functioning of the Ministry over certain subjects like Project Elephant, Ganga Action Plan etc.;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the follow-up action being taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c) The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Demands for Grants (1996-97) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests have, in their Thirty Seventh Report presented to both the Houses of Parliament on the 12th September, 1996, commented on the performance of the various programmes, like, Project Elephant, Ganga Action Plan, etc. of the Ministry of Environment and Forests and have given recommendations on these programmes. The Ministry has initiated follow-up action on these recommendations and submitted an Action Taken Report (Part-I) to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for being placed before the Committee.